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# H. R. 2123

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PLATTS (for himself and Mr. ISRAEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “1863 Gettysburg Cam-  
5       paign Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The 1863 invasion of Pennsylvania and the  
2           resulting Battle of Gettysburg proved decisive in the  
3           final outcome of the American Civil War.

4           (2) President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg  
5           Address put the Civil War in perspective as a test  
6           of the success of the American Revolution.

7           (3) The Army Heritage Center Foundation  
8           works with the United States Army to establish,  
9           sponsor, support, promote, and maintain the United  
10          States Army Heritage and Education Center at Car-  
11          lisle, Pennsylvania.

12          (4) The Army Heritage and Education Center  
13          is the Army's premier center for the study of the  
14          role of the individual soldier in support of the Na-  
15          tion.

16          (5) The Civil War photograph and manuscript  
17          collection at the Center is considered one of the fin-  
18          est in the Nation.

19          (6) The Center seeks to honor the service and  
20          sacrifice of soldiers and their families, preserve the  
21          memories of their service by gathering and pre-  
22          serving artifact and manuscript collections, and to  
23          educate the public through a world class archives,  
24          museum displays, and engaging educational pro-  
25          grams.

1           (7) The goal of the Center is promote an appre-  
2           ciation of the sacrifices that generations of American  
3           soldiers and their families have made to safeguard  
4           the freedoms of this Nation.

5           (8) The Army Heritage Center Foundation will,  
6           through donated support, fund and construct the  
7           public components of the Army Heritage and Edu-  
8           cation Center—the Visitor and Education Center  
9           and the Army Heritage Museum—and, once con-  
10          struction is complete, focus on providing “margin of  
11          excellence support” to meet the needs of educational  
12          programs and other activities at the Army Heritage  
13          and Education Center for which Federal funds are  
14          unavailable.

15          (9) The Gettysburg Foundation is dedicated to  
16          supporting the Gettysburg National Military Park, a  
17          unit of the National Park Service, by—

18                 (A) operating the new Museum and Visitor  
19                 Center for the Park;

20                 (B) funding the preservation and rehabili-  
21                 tation of the Park’s resources;

22                 (C) preserving and displaying the Cyclo-  
23                 rama painting; and

24                 (D) providing visitors with an under-  
25                 standing of the significance of the Battle of

1           Gettysburg within the context of the causes and  
2           consequences of the American Civil War.

3           (10) The Army Heritage Center Foundation  
4           and the Gettysburg Foundation are each nongovern-  
5           mental, member-based, and publicly supported non-  
6           profit organizations that are dependent on funds  
7           from members, donations, and grants for support.

8           (11) The Foundations use such support to help  
9           create and sustain the Gettysburg National Military  
10          Park and the Army Heritage and Education Center.

11          (12) The Gettysburg Foundation is recognized  
12          as the official partner of Gettysburg National Mili-  
13          tary Park and the Army Heritage Center Founda-  
14          tion is recognized by the Secretary of the Army as  
15          the lead agency supporting the development of the  
16          Army Heritage and Education Center.

17 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

18          (a) DENOMINATIONS.—In recognition and commemo-  
19          ration of the 1863 Invasion of Pennsylvania, the decisive  
20          Battle of Gettysburg, and President Lincoln’s Gettys-  
21          burg’s Address, and notwithstanding any other provision  
22          of law, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this  
23          Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue  
24          the following coins:

1           (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 100,000  
2 \$5 coins, which shall—

3           (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

4           (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

5           (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
6 alloy.

7           (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000  
8 \$1 coins, which shall—

9           (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

10          (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

11          (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-  
12 cent copper.

13          (3) HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more  
14 than 750,000 half dollar coins, which shall—

15          (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

16          (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

17          (C) be minted to the specifications for half  
18 dollar coins, contained in section 5112(b) of  
19 title 31, United States Code.

20          (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this  
21 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of  
22 title 31, United States Code.

23          (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections  
24 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins

1 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-  
2 matic items.

3 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

4 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins  
6 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the  
7 history and memory of the Gettysburg campaign and  
8 President Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

9 (2) DESIGNATIONS AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On  
10 each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

11 (A) a designation of the value of the coin;

12 (B) an inscription of the year “2013”; and

13 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,

14 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-

15 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

16 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted  
17 under this Act shall—

18 (1) contain motifs that specifically commemo-  
19 rate the 1863 invasion of Pennsylvania, the Battle  
20 at Gettysburg, and Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address;

21 (2) be selected by the Secretary, after consulta-  
22 tion with the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary  
23 of the Interior, and the Commission of Fine Arts;  
24 and

1           (3) be reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advi-  
2       sory Committee.

3   **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

4       (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this  
5   Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

6       (b) MINT FACILITIES.—For each of the 3 coins mint-  
7   ed under this Act, at least 1 facility of the United States  
8   Mint shall be used to strike proof quality coins, while at  
9   least 1 other such facility shall be used to strike the uncir-  
10   culated quality coins.

11      (c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may  
12   issue coins minted under this Act only during the 1-year  
13   period beginning on January 1, 2013.

14   **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

15      (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act  
16   shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum  
17   of—

18           (1) the face value of the coins;

19           (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with  
20   respect to such coins; and

21           (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins  
22   (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,  
23   overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

1 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk  
 2 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable  
 3 discount.

4 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept  
 6 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act  
 7 before the issuance of such coins.

8 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-  
 9 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-  
 10 sonable discount.

11 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under  
 13 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

14 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

15 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

16 (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half dol-  
 17 lar coin.

18 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Subject to section 5134(f) of  
 19 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges received by  
 20 the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act  
 21 shall be promptly paid by the Secretary as follows:

22 (1) ARMY HERITAGE CENTER FOUNDATION.—  
 23  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the Army Heritage Center Foundation.

24 (2) GETTYSBURG FOUNDATION.— $\frac{1}{2}$  to the Get-  
 25 tysburg Foundation.



1       (c) AUDITS.—The Army Heritage Center Foundation  
2 and the Gettysburg Foundation shall each be subject to  
3 the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31,  
4 United States Code, with regard to the amounts received  
5 by each such Foundation under subsection (b).

6       (d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
7 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance  
8 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as  
9 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin  
10 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-  
11 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual 2  
12 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under  
13 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in  
14 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-  
15 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out  
16 this subsection.

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